B.A.VI Semester Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)

Environmental Economics.

Teaching hours/week:02

Number of Credits:02

Objective: This course introduces students to concepts, methods and policy options in managing the environment using tools of economic analysis.

Module. I. Introduction Key environmental issues and problems,

|Economic way of thinking about these problems, basic concepts from economics; Pareto optimality and market failure in the presence of externalities; property rights and other approaches.

Module. II. The Design and Implementation of Environmental Policy Overview,

Pigouvian taxes and effluent fees, tradable permits, implementation of environmental policies in India and international experience; transboundary environmental problems; economics of climate change.

Module.III Environmental Valuation,

Methods and Applications Valuation of non-market goods and services--theory and practice; measurement methods; cost-benefit analysis of environmental policies and regulations. Sustainable Development Concepts; measurement; perspectives from Indian experience

Readings

- 1. Roger Perman, Yue Ma, Michael Common, David Maddison and James McGilvray, "Natural Resource and Environmental Economics", Pearson Education/Addison 1 Wesley, 4th edition, 2011.
- 2. Charles Kolstad, "Intermediate Environmental Economics", Oxford University Press, 2nd edition, 2010. 3. Robert N. Stavins (ed.), "Economics of the Environment: Selected Readings", W.W. Norton, 6th edition, 2012.
- 4. Robert Solow, "An Almost Practical Step toward Sustainability," Resources for the Future 40th anniversary lecture, 1992.
- 5. Kenneth Arrow et al., "Are We Consuming Too Much?" Journal of Economic Perspectives, 18(3): 147-172, 2004.
- 6. IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), Fifth Assessment Report (forthcoming 2014).